



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5893

LCO No. 1453

Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMERGENCY
RESPONSE SYSTEM OF VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That chapter 517 of the general statutes be amended to: (1) Establish
2 a system for the use of volunteer health practitioners capable of
3 functioning autonomously even when routine methods of
4 communication are disrupted; (2) provide reasonable safeguards to
5 assure that volunteer health practitioners are appropriately licensed
6 and regulated to protect the public's health; (3) allow the state to
7 regulate, direct and restrict the scope and extent of services provided
8 by volunteer health practitioners to promote disaster recovery
9 operations; and (4) provide limitations on the exposure of volunteer
10 health practitioners to civil liability to create a legal environment
11 conducive to volunteerism.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a robust emergency response system that will quickly and efficiently facilitate the deployment and use of licensed practitioners to provide health and veterinary services in response to declared emergencies.